

REMARKS

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 2-20 and 23-34 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter at the top of page 4 of the final Office Action. In particular, Claims 19, 21 and 22 are indicated therein as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 21 depends from Claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of Claim 21 into Claim 9 and canceled Claim 21. Claim 21 has been canceled.

Also, Claim 22 depends from Claim 14, which depends from Claim 13, which depends from Claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of Claims 9, 13, and 22 into Claim 14 and canceled Claim 22. Claim 22 has been canceled.

The subject matter of new Claims 23-34 is identical to the subject matter of Claims 2-8 and 16-20, respectively, except that each of new Claims 23-34 is drawn to a winding wire and depends from Claim 14 (either directly or indirectly).

No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has wide discretion in entering new claims after a final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of new Claims 23-34 because the subject matter thereof has already been considered in Claims 2-8 and 16-20.

In view of the claim amendments and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants request withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of Claims 2-17 and 20.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be

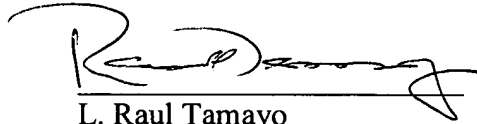
AMENDMENT

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best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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